
OLR BILL ANALYSIS

sHB 5201

AN ACT CONCERNING DEADLINES FOR THE COMPLETION OF MUNICIPAL BINDING ARBITRATIONS.

SUMMARY:

Current law specifies numerous deadlines in the municipal interest arbitration process, but also allows the parties to mutually modify, defer, or waive any of the deadlines indefinitely. This bill eliminates the parties' ability to indefinitely postpone most of these deadlines by requiring them to file their last best offers and briefs on unresolved issues (steps which occur after testimony is taken but before a decision is issued) within 180 days after the start of the arbitration process. The 180-day deadline for the two filings cannot be modified, deferred, or waived. Under the bill, the parties retain their ability to mutually waive or postpone steps in the arbitration process within the 180-day period.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

sHB 5203, (File 21) requires the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration to randomly assign an arbitrator to serve as the neutral arbitrator on an arbitration panel deciding a municipal interest arbitration case, instead of allowing the parties to mutually select the neutral member.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 10 Nay 1 (03/08/2012)